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The Texas Exes Student Chapter rolls out the welcome mat for students with free barbecue, sweets and eats from vendors and a chance to win door prizes. The Etter-Harbin Alumni Center from 4 p.m - 6 p.m.

‘Luminarium’
UT Alumnus and award-winning author Alex Shakar will be reading from his new novel, “Luminarium,” at BookPeople. The event is free and starts at 7 p.m.

First TSTV meeting
Come learn about working with TSTV. Volunteers get hands-on experience using professional cameras, filming live shows, covering sports and news events, as well as meeting professionals and celebrities in the industry. 7:30-9 p.m. FAC 21

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The Action Pack is assembling “the gayest sing-along ever” to include all of the best divas, gay icons and camp classics guaranteed to make you wanna sing out loud and dance double proud for Pride Week. Alamo Drafthouse-Ritz at 9:45 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

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Humanity should be without categories — if we can understand we’re all beautiful spirits, we’ll be fine.

— **Djuana J. Johnnican**
rapper from 3.5.7

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NOT JUST FOR CLOTHING ANYMORE



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff
Senior advertising major Suchada Sutasirisap and Parinda Aiamjaroen practice Chairball at the San Jacinto basketball courts Wednesday afternoon. Both are members of the UT Thai Association, whose Chairball team will participate in a Tri-City tournament this fall.

Citizens concerned about local cemetery conditions

By Jillian Bliss
Daily Texan Staff

Despite dissent from some citizens, city officials are finding cemetery conditions up to par.

Sharon Blythe, director of Rescue Austin Memorial Parks, is leading a group of residents in challenging city council members to reconsider management of cemeteries. Blythe said the group, nicknamed RAMP, was formed in 1991 when citizens became concerned over whether cemetery property would be sold to developers.

She said group members believe property upkeep is substandard and are worried about overall maintenance of the five Austin memorial parks.

“It’s becoming a public safety hazard now,” Blythe said. “The trees are dying. The headstones are leaning and fall over quite frequently. There was even a lady who broke her leg out there a couple years ago.”

Blythe said RAMP members are filing complaints and requesting systematic maintenance of the cemeteries. She hopes council members will consider ending the current management contract with the Intercare Corporation, which has managed the Austin city cemeteries since 1990.

Intercare Corporation director Gene Bagwell said his organization has followed all procedures laid out in its contract in terms of maintenance, burials and expenses. Bag-



Nicole Collins | Daily Texan Staff
RAMP, a group of citizens questioning the upkeep of Austin cemeteries, is currently involved in a debate with cemetery management about whether cemetery conditions are substandard.

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Junior chemistry major Sumaiya Syed, left, speaks to Michelle Lutz, right, from Love is Respect, a domestic violence hotline for adolescents at the Volunteer Fair on Wednesday afternoon.



Maribel Molina
Daily Texan Staff

Volunteer fair attracts service-driven students

By Syeda Hasan
Daily Texan Staff

UT hosted members of mentoring programs, cultural awareness groups and other volunteer organizations Wednesday to get students involved in community service both on and off campus.

The Volunteer Fair, sponsored by UT’s Volunteer and Service Learning Center, hosted nonprofit and government organizations looking to recruit students to volunteer.

Kimberly Edwards, the center’s community engagement co-

ordinator, said the fair is designed to make a wide range of volunteer opportunities more accessible to students. Getting involved in community service helps students broaden their perspectives and become better-rounded individuals, she said.

“I feel it’s very important to give of yourself and to give through service,” Edwards said. “If you give back to someone, that person can also be motivated to help others.”

She said the center aims to make people at the University more aware of the number of vol-

unteering opportunities available around Austin.

“Austin is certainly a city where people are aware and active in giving back,” Edwards said. “The number of students at the University of Texas is such a huge resource for thousands of nonprofits that we have here.”

Members of Big Brothers Big Sisters, a nonprofit mentoring program for underprivileged children, attended the fair to recruit volunteers from all majors and fields. Elizabeth

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Grant research to study link between technology, careers

By Nina Hernandez
Daily Texan Staff

The National Science Foundation awarded \$1.4 million in grants to three universities, including UT, to study the impacts of technology on occupations.

UT has appointed a principal investigator, Diane Bailey, an associate professor in the School of Informatics, to travel to different countries and gather data on how technology has enabled people living in remote areas of the world to acquire skills needed for professional occupations such as banking, engineering, entrepreneurship and graphic design. According to the study, the focus is to understand how companies are using technology to train people to do jobs without direct social interaction.

“The way people learn [to do a

job] is to be with people who have that job already,” Bailey said. “One of the things we suspect is that this new mode of learning allows a certain amount of leeway that one wouldn’t see in traditional occupational socialization.”

The grant will be split between UT, the University of California, Irvine and Northwestern University to carry out similar research projects around the world. The money will pay for travel between the United States, Brazil, Poland, Mexico and India, and it will also cover costs including office space and pay for graduate student hired to assist with research, Bailey said.

“Any time you get a grant, it’s a great day,” Bailey said. “It’s an opportunity for us to do exciting research.”

Bailey will collect data on Brazilian bankers, she said.

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FIRES

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Ranch fire that damaged and destroyed more than 50 homes. Travis County Fire Chief Jim Linardos said crews have contained 75 percent of the Steiner Ranch fire as of Wednesday and expect to have it under full control by Thursday.

“As I look out my window, I can see smoke over the city,” Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell said. “We’re getting a lot of calls concerning the issue, but it is only a result of the winds dying down, and we have no fires in the city.”

Cook said smoke appearing Wednesday morning could also be associated with a temperature inversion, in which cooler temperatures do not allow the smoke to rise.

“This is just like when pollution is trapped above the city in L.A.,” Cook said. “The smoke doesn’t reach up into the atmosphere, and the winds are in the direction to bring that downtown.”

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Technology has made it possible for anybody to get training to become a banker where it may not have been possible before, Bailey said. With more local banks around now, she said residents don’t have to travel to cities to cash their checks and spend money.

“Because people [were] spending their money in the city where their bank [was], they weren’t spending as much in the towns where they live,” Bailey said.

“One positive outcome for the community is a financial resurgence because of the correspondent model,” Bailey said.

Andrew Dillon, Dean of the School of Information, said the NSF grant recognizes the importance of information science in relation to the workplace.

“The right technology fos-

Theresa Spalding, University Health Services associate director, said drifting smoke is a greater concern to people living in places directly impacted by the recent wildfires because the possibility of soot and ash inhalation is greater in these areas. Spalding said lingering smoke in Austin may cause respiratory irritation or minor headaches, but symptoms will not appear as strongly as they would in residents of directly affected areas. Austin residents with asthma may feel stronger symptoms and should limit outdoor activity if necessary, she said.

“Some people are asking about masks,” Spalding said. “We have gotten calls about that. The masks you can get [at stores] are more about trying to keep large particles out of your passageways. We aren’t recommending masks to people just walking around campus.”

ters connections between groups that allows for rapid organization and exchange of ideas without concern for distance,” Dillon said. “But with this comes unforeseen problems and challenges that will require analysis at the human and social levels to best exploit the technical power. We are becoming a vast socio-technical system that challenges existing structures.”

Communications studies graduate student Stephanie Dailey will be working with Bailey and will be traveling to Poland and India, she said.

“I’m going to be helping interview participants of the study,” Dailey said. “I’m really excited about collecting research in different countries. I haven’t had the opportunity to do that before.”

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well said the city works separately with arborists for tree care.

According to the contract, Intercare’s upkeep responsibilities do not include “the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial or curbing placed or erected upon any grave or space.”

Bagwell said private families are responsible for repair of headstones at their own expense and Intercare addresses gravesite concerns brought forth by the family or responsible party.

“If a family comes back and addresses the issue of a fallen headstone, it’s fixed,” Bagwell said. “The reality is, some families move away and may not be aware of the condition it’s in.”

Bagwell said settling of burial plots occurs naturally, especially with burials conducted prior to the use of concrete casket liners. Occasionally headstones will crack or appear unlevel because of ground settling, he said.

Bagwell also said his corporation has spent more than usual on ground watering since the drought began.

Gilbert Hernandez, parks and recreation contract manager, said the city conducts semi-monthly inspections of all five cemeteries and has not found anything out of the ordinary in terms of upkeep.

Hernandez said the most recent audit of Intercare’s expenses came back “clean,” but Blythe said RAMP members are also concerned with the actual use of cemetery funding.

“We look for issues that we think might be of concern,” Hernandez said. “We track any issue that needs to be taken care of and have a third party auditor go out and look at his [Bagwell’s] books.”

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Contreras, a member of the organization, said she is seeking students who are committed to making a difference in the lives of underserved children.

“We have a lot of UT students who volunteer with us,” Contreras said. “It’s really great to serve as a role model in a child’s life and show them that they can get an education and achieve great things too.”

Contreras said she encourages UT students to get involved in community service because volunteering helped her achieve a more enriching college experience.

“You get such a positive feeling from giving back, and you make a lot of great friendships,” she said. “I think it helps you develop yourself both professionally and personally.”

Melanie Morgan, Mexic-Arte Museum spokeswoman, said she is seeking volunteers for an upcoming art festival the museum is hosting in October.

“Cultural organizations are important for remembering who you are,” Morgan said. “It often seems like the campus is cut off from the rest of the Austin community, and we think it’s important to get students on campus involved in a wider range of organizations.”

Aimee Ford, plan II and pre-med freshman, said she attended the fair to find new community service opportunities as she transitions from high school to college life.

“I feel like college is about much more than just classes and education,” Ford said. “I definitely feel like a lot of people at UT have that awareness and spirit of giving back.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

Program aims to develop women’s interest in politics

The Center for Women’s and Gender Studies received a \$100,200 grant, which will initiate a program for women’s empowerment, encouraging more active participation in politics.

The Embrey Family Foundation gave the grant and will start a nationwide program called the National Education for Women’s Leadership summer program at UT for the first time, according to a press release. The six-day program will bring together undergraduate women from across the state in order to learn more about policymaking.

“We want a diverse group with many interests and non-traditional majors,” said program coordinator Nancy Ewert. “The purpose is [to] get more women interested in politics, so this will benefit anyone interested in policymaking.”

According to the program’s curriculum, activities will include speaking with successful women in a variety of roles in the public sphere, learning about women’s political participation, exploring ideas about leadership and politics and participating in hands-on skill-building exercises. The Embrey grant has made this program possible by covering costs such as housing, food, program materials and staffing.

Applications to attend this program will open in November 2011, with the deadline of March 2012. For the 2012 session, the program will initially accept only 20 students, followed by 30 students for the 2013 session.

— Sylvia Butanda

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CORRECTION

Because of a reporting error, Tuesday’s Page 1 news story about wildfires should have said the church in the story was called Bastrop Community Outreach Church.

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Candidate and Texas Gov. Rick Perry answers a question as candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney listens during a Republican presidential candidate debate at the Reagan Library on Wednesday.

Romney, Perry spar on jobs in debate

By Kasie Hunt
The Associated Press

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Eager to tangle, Republican presidential rivals Rick Perry and Mitt Romney each laid claim to a better job-creating record as governor Wednesday night in a lively campaign debate that marked a new turn in the race to pick a 2012 challenger to President Barack Obama.

“Michael Dukakis created jobs three times faster than you did, Mitt,” Perry jabbed, referring to Romney’s predecessor as Democratic governor in Massachusetts.

“As a matter of fact, George Bush and his predecessors created jobs at a faster rate than you did,” Romney shot back at Perry.

The debate was the first of three in as many weeks, at a time the polls show Obama’s popularity sinking.

Perry and Romney stood next to each other on the debate stage at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, a symbolic setting that in-

voked the memory of the conservative Republican who swept to two terms as president.

Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman sided with Perry when he turned to

“
*I’m running against
Romneycare*
— Herman Cain,
Republican presidential candidate

Romney and said, “47th just isn’t going to cut it, my friend,” a reference to the rank Massachusetts had among the 50 states in creating jobs during Romney’s term.

Businessman Herman Cain, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, Texas Rep. Ron Paul, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania shared the stage for

the debate hosted by MSNBC and Politico.

Bachmann said she would provide the “strong, bold leader in the presidency who will lead that effort.

“None of us should ever think that the repeal bill will just come to our desk,” she said in a pledge that drew applause from the audience.

Gingrich resisted an effort to draw him into conflict with other Republicans on stage. “I’m frankly not interested in your efforts to get Republicans fighting each other,” he said, sparking an even louder round of applause. He said all Republicans should “defeat efforts by the news media” to spark an internal struggle when the real objective is to defeat Obama in 2012.

But moments later, Cain said that after trying to defeat Democratic efforts to create national health care, “I’m running against Romneycare,” the legislation that passed requiring residents of Massachusetts to purchase coverage.

Jet with hockey team crashes in Russia, kills 43

By Lynn Berry
The Associated Press

TUNOSHNA, Russia — A private jet carrying a Russian professional hockey team to its first game of the season crashed shortly after takeoff Wednesday, killing 43 people — including European and former NHL players — in one of the worst aviation disasters in sports history. Two people survived the accident.

The crash also was the latest tragedy to befall the sport of hockey — following the sudden, off-season deaths of three of the NHL’s tough-guy enforcers that has shocked fans.

The chartered Yak-42 jet was carrying the team — Lokomotiv

Yaroslavl — to Minsk, the capital of Belarus, where it was to play Thursday in its opening game of the Kontinental Hockey League season. Of the 45 people on board, 36 were players, coaches and team officials; eight were crew.

The plane apparently struggled to gain altitude and then hit a signal tower before breaking apart along the Volga River near Yaroslavl, 150 miles northeast of Moscow. One of the blue-and-white plane’s charred engines poked through the surface of the shallow water.

“This is the darkest day in the history of our sport,” said Rene Fasel, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation. “This is not only a Russian tragedy — the

Lokomotiv roster included players and coaches from 10 nations.”

One player — identified as Russian Alexander Galimov — and one unidentified crew member were hospitalized in “very grave” condition, said Alexander Degyatryov, chief doctor at Yaroslavl’s Solovyov Hospital.

Among the dead were Lokomotiv coach and NHL veteran Brad McCrimmon, a Canadian; assistant coach Alexander Karpovtsev, one of the first Russians to have his name etched on the Stanley Cup as a member of the New York Rangers; and Pavol Demitra, who played for the St. Louis Blues and the Vancouver Canucks and was the Slovakian national team captain.

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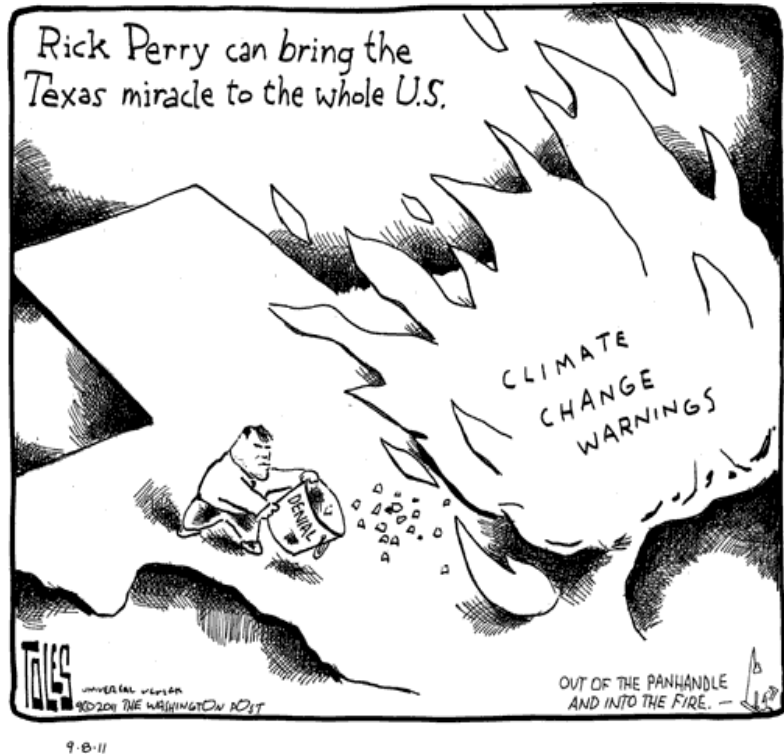
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QUOTES TO NOTE



Wildfires continue to spread across Texas

“These fires are serious and widespread, and as mean as I have ever seen, burning more than 1,000 homes since this wildfire season began.”

— Gov. Rick Perry in a press release Tuesday after taking an aerial tour of wildfire damage in Steiner Ranch.

“We were outvoted — what can I say? Obviously this money is needed for natural disasters like the ones we have right now. ... We do have a rainy day fund, and I would hope that the governor goes into the rainy day fund. But we have to also be responsible here locally, and cutting the Forest Service budget significantly was not being responsible.”

— State Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, a retired firefighter, on the reduced funding for the Texas Forest Service included in the recently passed state budget, which Gallegos voted against.

“Damage to this community is reflective of all Texas.”

— Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on the fires ravaging Bastrop, according to The Daily Texan.

“All of the fires are not in the city limits of Austin. If the fires were in the city limits of Austin, that would have been a whole different thing, and I would have made my way back as fast as I could have.”

— Austin Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr in a phone interview with the Austin American-Statesman on Tuesday on her decision to stay in Colorado for a golfing trip rather than return to Austin.

“[The fire] is not in the city of Austin. But we don’t work that way. We think of this area as a region, and we’re all in this together.”

— Mayor Lee Leffingwell on the fires, according to The Daily Texan.

“It’s a 100-year event, with fires of this magnitude. It would be better if the chief was here to at least provide guidance to the citizens.”

— Bob Nicks, president of the Austin Firefighters Association, on the fires and Kerr’s decision to stay in Colorado, according to the Statesman.

Perry on climate change

“I do believe the issue of global warming has been politicized. I think there are a substantial number of scientists who have manipulated data so that they will have dollars rolling in to their projects.”

— Perry in Bedford, New Hampshire, last month, according to CBS News.

“The complexities of the global atmosphere have often eluded the most sophisticated scientists.”

— Perry in his book, “Fed Up,” on the causes of global climate change.

“People who discount the science of climate change don’t do it because they’ve read the science. The science of climate change is a proxy for views on the role of government.”

— Andrew Dessler, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, according to National Public Radio.

9/11: Grappling with the attacks 10 years later

By Katherine Taylor
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

There are few events I remember clearly from my adolescence. Aside from my afro hair, awkward physical changes and the stupid uniform I had to wear to school, there are not many other details I can recall from that time in my life.

But I remember Sept. 11, 2001. I was in the sixth grade. The normal morning I had woken up to lasted until my third period choir class. The strange whisperings about plane crashes that I had heard all morning finally started to make sense as we turned on the TV and finally saw what was going on.

And the same image kept flashing on the screen — I’m sure you remember the one I’m talking about because every single news outlet showed it. The one of the plane crashing directly into the tower, people screaming, debris flying everywhere and a voice from off camera yelling some variation of “I think it’s coming down! The tower, the tower ... is falling!” This sequence was repeated for the rest of the week. In response to Alan Jackson’s popular query of the time, I knew exactly where I was “when the world stopped turning,” and I first grasped the effects of terrorism.

We are still feeling those effects today. Though Osama bin Laden is dead, the threat of terrorism remains. At least that is the justification given for the increasingly disturbing measures we have adopted since. When you go to an airport and face the handsy TSA agents, shoe robbers and long lines, remember 9/11. When you visit Washington D.C. and realize that you can no longer dip your toes into the reflecting pool between the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial because of fences, remember 9/11. When you encounter rampant Islamophobia and fear of everything Middle Eastern, remember 9/11. When you hear crazy liberals (like myself) lecturing you about the evils of Guantanamo Bay, remember 9/11.

This country has been fighting a war against an enemy that we have yet to defeat for almost half of my life. It’s unclear whether we will ever have peace again. This war is waged

against an ideology whose hold might never be fully squelched no matter how much fire-power we use. For better or worse, American destiny is inextricably tied with the complex workings of nations far away from us both in distance and in belief systems.

Sunday marks the 10th anniversary of this defining national tragedy. For those who lost friends or families in the attacks, the effects are felt on a much more personal level. This fact didn’t sink in for me until I made my first friend who lost her dad in the attacks. I used to judge anyone who supported George W. Bush’s War on Terrorism, but it’s not that simple. Our safety, our families, our freedom, our everything American that we treasure most was threatened on that fateful day. The need for retaliation was felt nationwide.

But 10 years later, are we any safer? Is anyone sleeping any sounder at night? Have we even helped the constantly tense political situation in the Middle East? Does anyone even understand why we went to Iraq in the first place?

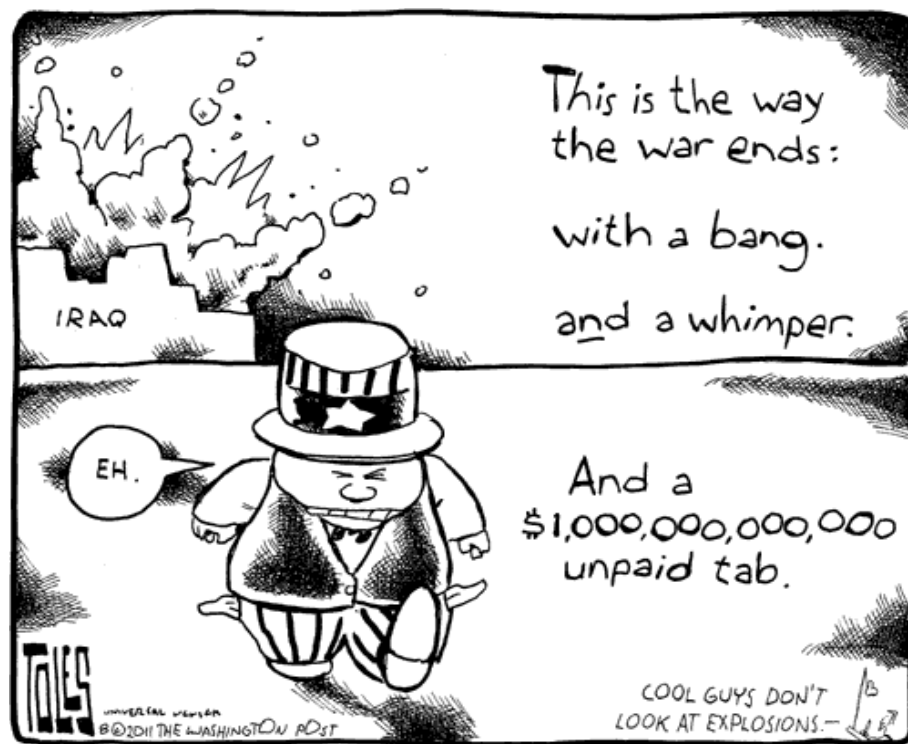
I realize the answers to all these questions are highly contentious. But after 10 years of war, I would hope the answers would be more definitive. Yet since then, we’ve joined another offensive campaign in Libya, and though our presence in the Middle East has changed, our enemy hasn’t. Our war against the amorphous practitioners of terrorism remains.

Are we stubbornly trying to bring peace through war to the Middle East — the equivalent of attempting to force a square peg of Western ideals into the round hole of Iraq? Or were we forced into a corner by the desperate acts of others into the only available course of action?

Whichever side you fall on is irrelevant. The fact that these questions still exist shows the extent to which we are still grappling with the attacks. Perhaps that’s what the terrorists wanted all along: for us to be thinking about them and giving them attention a decade later rather than saving all that energy and money to help our failing economy.

Regardless, this Sunday, I will still remember the events of Sept. 11.

Taylor is a Plan II and rhetoric and writing senior.



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Professors find clickers useful, problematic

By Kayla Jonsson
Daily Texan Staff

The increasingly popular clicker device has been used as a tool for cheating rather than learning, according to several UT students and professors.

About the size of a TV remote, clickers are used to encourage attendance and facilitate class participation, but students can use them to cheat by asking a friend to check in for them while they skip class.

Physics freshman Jaci Eckert said she knows several groups of students who take advantage of the system. Students pick days they want to attend class, and on days they do not attend, they hand their devices to others in the group, she said.

"There are a number of people I have seen who kind of work in groups for attendance reasons with the clicker," Eckert said.

Professors have recognized the problem and now instruct teaching assistants to keep an extra eye out for students with more than one clicker, musicology professor Andrew Dell'Antonio said.

"While I haven't personally caught anyone cheating, I do know some colleagues who have," Dell'Antonio said. "I tell my classes that if we do find someone, we will confiscate both clickers and penal-



Clickers are a popular tool in some classrooms for teachers who want to gain feedback from their students. However, the nature of the handheld electronic device makes it easy for students to cheat.

Photo illustration by Allen Otto

ize both students."

The clickers are not usually used for exams because professors realize it is not a secure way of submitting answers, Dell'Antonio said. They are instead used for questions of opinion that can neither be right nor wrong, he said. Students are not tempted to cheat in these situations because they are not afraid of their grades being affected by a wrong answer, Dell'Antonio said.

"Once a student picks an answer, they tend to be more invested in defending its merits," he said.

The risks of the clicker are worth it to the professors because it is an instantaneous system for making sure students understand the material, Dell'Antonio said.

"I've had good experiences with the clicker," he said. "We can spend more time on an issue because I know if a large percent of the class doesn't get it."

Senior biology lecturer Sata Sathasivan said clicker quizzes play an important role in his large introductory biology class. He said cell phones could be used as the click-

er, and people would be less inclined to give their phones to their friend to cheat. It would also eliminate the cost of buying another school supply, Sathasivan said.

"All we need to do at UT is double the bandwidth on campus to ensure students get reception in every classroom," he added.

Clicker quizzes or questions are always simple with no right or wrong answers, so there is no reason for students to cheat, chemistry junior Ruhin Vahora said.

— Additional reporting by Shane Miller

Women in Black hold vigil at Capitol, protest Middle East wars

By John Farey
Daily Texan Staff

A women's group marked the pending 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks by holding its 520th weekly vigil in front of the State Capitol on Wednesday.

Fourteen women and one man dressed in black, the color of mourning, held placards and handed out flyers at the southern gate of the Capitol supporting the peace movement.

Women in Black, an informal group of local protesters opposing the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghani-

stan, claims to have held the hour-long weekly protest since the Twin Towers fell in New York 10 years ago on Sunday. The original Women in Black group started in Jerusalem in 1988 as a peace movement between Palestinian and Israeli women and gained increased recognition in the U.S. following the Sept. 11 attacks, according to the protesters.

Pam Murfin, a spokeswoman for the group, said the anniversary provided a public forum to advocate an end to U.S. military operations in the Middle East.

"Sept. 11 was a terrible event, with a terrible reaction. Rather than

negotiating and trying to lessen the violence, our government leapt in and escalated it. It has caused a lot of death and maiming," Murfin said. "War is not the answer, and [students] can be helpful if they get involved in some way, even if it's just talking to people about how to solve conflict nonviolently."

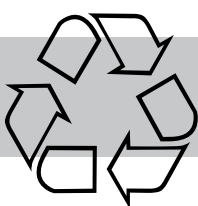
Moneta Prince, an Austin resident who joined the group following the U.S. led invasion of Iraq, said community attitudes to the wars have changed in the eight years she has supported the cause.

"People are a little more wise to what the [wars] are about. They're

withdrawing their support, and I think most people would like to pull out," Prince said.

English senior Evelyn Gibson said she expected the mood to be somber on Sunday but agrees that support for the wars among the student body has seen a steady decline.

"We really cared in 2008 with the election of Obama, but nothing has changed. Politics is the same," Gibson said. "I don't think a lot of us want to be there anymore. We wasted all this money, and we haven't really got anywhere, especially in Afghanistan. We killed Osama Bin Laden, but there's still no end in sight."



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THE STAT GUY

Quarterbacks share similar statistics, stories

By Hank South
Daily Texan StaffGarrett Gilbert
UT Quarterback

Brigham Young, Texas' opponent this Saturday night, is known for the birth of the spread offense in college football courtesy of LaVell Edwards, BYU's all-time winningest coach. The Cougars air the ball out and have done so for years. With quarterbacks such as Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young, John Beck and Max Hall, it is no surprise that BYU has earned a reputation as one of the top quarterback factories in the country.

Sophomore Jake Heaps is the Cougars' latest product. Heaps was a top quarterback in the 2010 class, and he brings a lot to the table in terms of poise and throwing accuracy. The same was said of the Longhorns' Garrett Gilbert in 2009. So just what kind of quarterback battle will be in store for this weekend? Let's take a look at the stats.

To start, both Gilbert and Heaps led their high schools to multiple state championships. Heaps, who hails from Washington, passed for 9,196 yards and 114 touchdowns from 2007-09 while at Skyline High School. Gilbert holds the Texas high school record for passing yards with 12,540, which he set in three years as a starter at nearby Lake Travis High School from 2006-08.

Both quarterbacks were Parade All-Americans. Heaps came out of a pro-style offense in high school, whereas Gilbert was accustomed to the spread. And yet, both quarterbacks were sent into opposite situations than they became accustomed to in high school: BYU runs the power spread, whereas Texas ran (or tried to) a more pro-style rushing attack in 2010.

Heaps was thrown into the fire early last season as a true freshman, replacing an injured Riley Nelson against Florida State in 2010.

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Jake Heaps

BYU Quarterback

UT, A&M fans both agonize over network's role in change

By Trey Scott
Daily Texan Columnist

We already know Texas A&M, soon to be the newest member of the Southeastern Conference, doesn't like the Longhorn Network.

Judging by some recent comments on our website, it looks like Texas fans are getting fed up as well:

"This has really gone too far!! Our family has been a 'Horn's backer for years ... this network thing is one step too many in UT's arrogance, especially after last year." — comment from DCE.

"Goodwill to the Longhorns has been lost, fan for 50 years and this is the thanks I get! Good, bad, ugly, I've been behind them ... and now that maroon team (can't say the name) our longest rivalry is gone ... thanks LONGHORN NETWORK, UT, MACK BROWN, AND ESPN." — comment from 'lnghrntchr'

"Got to be one of the most unabashed examples of mismanagement and financial greed we've seen in a while. Too bad The University stands by and allows it." — comment from Prospector.

While none of these folks chose to reveal their real names (give it up, lnghrntchr) they had no problem expressing their sudden disgust for the network that is the driving force

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Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

Texas head coach Mack Brown glances at the scoreboard during the Longhorns' 34-9 win over Rice on Saturday. Texas faces a tougher opponent this week as Brigham Young visits Austin in a non-conference game.

Brown, Horns not taking BYU lightly

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Texas will face stiffer competition this weekend when it squares off against BYU, especially at the line of scrimmage. The Longhorns are 0-2 all-time against the Cougars with BYU beating Texas 22-17 in 1987 and 47-6 in 1988. A lot has changed since then,

of course, but Texas will go up against a BYU offensive line whose starters stand at an average 6 feet 5 inches, 307 pounds.

The Longhorns' defensive line? More than 30 pounds lighter — they're an average 6 feet 5 inches, 276 pounds.

"This'll be a street fight," head coach Mack Brown said. "The strength of this team is

on both lines of scrimmage. Those guys are physical."

Shipley got head start on Longhorns practice field

Jaxon Shipley may have hit the practice field before anyone on the team.

He just wasn't practicing when he first got there.

The comparisons to his older brother and current Cincinnati

Bengals wide receiver, Jordan, have been endless and with good reason. But while Jordan was honing his skills on the practice field, Jaxon was occupied with other matters. Jaxon, along with his sisters, turned the workout area into a playground of sorts as he constantly rolled down a hill near the practice field.

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VOLLEYBALL



Thomas Allison | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore outside hitter Bailey Webster is fully recovered from a torn ACL in her right knee that forced her to miss the 2010 season.

Webster healthy, ready to contribute

By Lauren Guidice
Daily Texan Staff

Last season did not turn out like Bailey Webster had expected.

During preseason practice last year, Webster tore her ACL and had surgery on her right knee in August 2010. Although she was ranked as the No. 1 recruit going into her freshman year, she received a medical redshirt for her sophomore season.

After a tough year of rehab, she is back and ready to help the

Longhorns.

"It started with baby steps at first, just little things, just moving my leg again," Webster said. "Basically, I had to relearn how to walk all over again."

She said gaining back muscle was extremely difficult. She worked on that aspect of her recovery for months and said it was a process that didn't end before preseason, yet she still does rehab when she can.

But, her teammates remained by her side during the entire process

and supported her constantly.

"Every time they would come over to get water, they would cheer me on in whatever exercise I was doing," Webster said. "Some of my teammates would come over to my house and just hang out with me to make sure I was still included in team activities."

While injured, she continued strengthening her upper body. Her teammates, along with

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Big 12 approaches Arkansas, Razorbacks to remain in SEC

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long said Wednesday that the school was approached recently about joining the Big 12.

Long told The Associated Press the Razorbacks are content to remain in the Southeastern Conference and that the discussions over joining the Big 12 didn't go very far.

"I think that our program is such that there are a number of conferences that would love to have us as a member, but we're strongly committed to the SEC," he said. "I'd be surprised if we weren't reached out to by other conferences about joining them. That happened, it didn't surprise me, but we are committed to the SEC. It's the strongest conference in the country and only going to get stronger."

Long commented hours after the SEC's announcement that it will accept Texas A&M as the league's 13th member, if the school can exit the Big 12 without any pending legal issues.

Long said the SEC is prepared to move forward with 13 teams should Texas A&M join the conference. He also said discussions over a 14th team had not begun.

"I would say that most people think 14 is the logical step," he said. "I would say the SEC is prepared to move forward with 13. It would be fair for me to say there are schools interested in becoming that 14th member, and again, we're not seeking them out, they're seeking us out. Again, that will play out in the days, weeks and months ahead."

Long said he didn't know how long the "ripple effect" of realignment might go on. "If we stay at 12, not much will change," he said.

— The Associated Press



Slow pace to conference realignment

Sunday marks the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. The flags around Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium will be at half-staff Saturday and there will be a moment of silence.

DOUBLE COVERAGE LIVE CHAT

BYU game, Gilbert hot topics in football chat

By Sameer Bhuchar, Austin Laymance & Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Sameer:
Hello Double Coverage readers! We are pumped for our third live chat of the year! I'm Sameer Bhuchar, Double Coverage editor, and joining us are football beat writers, Austin Laymance and Christian Corona. They'll be taking all of your question regarding the upcoming Texas vs BYU game, as well as conference realignment issues. Ready? Set? Go!

Question from Trevor:
What do you think Texas' biggest challenge will be on Saturday?

Austin:
Controlling the line of scrimmage will be paramount. Texas needs a better performance in the trenches than we saw last week against Rice when the Owls rushed for 130 yards.

Christian:
BYU's a lot better than Rice, especially up front. Texas' defensive line, which had trouble stopping the run last week, will have their hands full with the Cougars' O-line. Not a man below 295 pounds there.

Question from Jenny
Are we going to see Heaps of trouble from the BYU offense?

Sameer:
Nice pun Jenny

Christian:
Rice didn't challenge Texas in the downfield passing game but Heaps definitely will. But the way the secondary played in the opener makes it seem as though they'll be up for the challenge.

Austin:
I think Texas will limit the BYU offense enough to win. They

should get a better pass rush and create some havoc in the backfield.

Christian:
Diaz said Rice threw 3 passes farther than 7 yards in the air last weekend. That will change when Texas plays BYU.

Sameer:
While on the topic of new components to the team (Diaz), a reader has a question about the freshman

Question From Terry
Which Texas freshmen really stood out in your eyes?

Christian:
Jaxon Shipley was outstanding his college debut. Made a sensational TD catch on the WR reverse pass and even provided a spark out of the backfield.

Austin:
Joe Bergeron is a guy that could really emerge as a legitimate threat out of the Texas backfield. He came in before fellow frosh Malcolm Brown and made the most out of his carries.

Sameer:
That Shipley catch was stellar, and the play was creative. Certainly something that we didn't see under the Greg Davis offense

Question from Brett:
What did you think of the offense's new playing style under Bryan Harsin? Does the offense need time to adjust to it?

Austin:
I liked that Harsin moved players and shifted formations. They had Rice scrambling on defense and took advantage on some trick plays. Texas made a big commitment to running the ball, which was nice to see.

Question From Mary
What does the return of Mar-

quise Goodwin mean for Texas' receiving corps?

Sameer:
Now that the Horns have Goodwin back at receiver, how do you guys think Harsin will utilize him? Mary has a similar question....

Christian:
Even though Marquise will need some time to readjust to playing football again, he provides a lightning quick threat that defenses have to respect.

Austin:
Now that the Horns will expand Harsin's playbook even more. Look for the Longhorns to get some special packages that fit Goodwin's skill set. He could get the ball on a reverse or a be a target down field on a flea-flicker type pass.

Christian:
He and DJ Monroe were part of a relay team that finished the 4x100 in under 40 seconds. The Longhorns have plenty of speed at their disposal.

Sameer:
One important point we haven't discussed yet was the play of Gilbert...after all, he was the subject of much controversy this offseason...Ambra wonders the same.

Question From Ambra:
What do you think of Garrett Gilbert's play?

Christian:
Garrett Gilbert was much better than he was last year against Rice (and most of the season for that matter) but you could still see him lock in on receivers and overthrow others.

Austin:
Gilbert made some good throws (two 50 plus yard bombs to Mike Davis) and some bad ones. He still misses his target on some throws, which perplexes me considering he's the state's prep leader in passing yards. But overall, a good per-

formance. He didn't turn the ball over, made plays with his feet, and executed the game plan.

Christian:
BYU, like Texas, didn't give up an offensive TD in their first game. Cougars will present much tougher challenge.

Sameer:
The stat line doesn't indicate it Ambra, but he was much more poised...though he has a lot more to work on

Austin:
Gilbert also made some poor decisions, like his ill-advised pitch to Fozzy Whittaker under pressure that could have easily been a turnover.

Christian:
The fact that he didn't turn the ball over, however, was extremely encouraging. Ball security is a big point of emphasis for him this year.

Question From Philpot
Will BYU be offended by the dirty words in Texas Fight?

Austin:
Good question Philpot. I say they won't be too offended considering they have some athletes who broke the school's honor code.

Christian:
Not as offended as Texas was when it heard when BYU basketball player Brandon Davies broke his honor code.

Sameer:
I don't even think they'll like the word "fight"

Austin:
Jimmer Fredette might have his ears plugged on the sidelines.

Question from Trevor:
I thought the TE position was supposed to be taken care of with Irby, Terrell and Grant, what hap-

POLL: WHERE DO YOU THINK TEXAS WILL BE PLAYING NEXT YEAR?

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Big 12 (40%)
Independent (20%)
Other (0%)

pened in week 1?

Sameer:
Thanks for bringing us back trever

Christian:
Well Blaine Irby dropped the only pass thrown to him, which is understandable considering his long time away from the game and the fact that it was the same play he got hurt on three years ago. He has great hands and should be back to form this weekend.

Austin:
Irby missed his chance and dropped the only ball that came his way. Granted, he hadn't played in 3 seasons. But I see him improving, along with the entire team, from week to week. They blocked well, though, as Texas rushed for over 200 yards.

Christian:
But Irby and some other tight ends need to step up soon because Harsin's offense calls for 2-3 tight ends on the field every now and then.

Austin:
The tight ends are a big key to the offensive success, Mack Brown says, so they will need to step up if Texas wants to get back to a bowl game.

Cowboys are most valuable NFL franchise

By James Aron
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dallas Cowboys are the NFL's most valuable franchise at \$1.85 billion, according to Forbes magazine's annual survey.

That also gives the Cowboys the highest worth of any U.S. team, and makes them second only to Manchester United of the English Premier League, valued at \$1.9 billion, among franchises worldwide.

The New York Yankees are worth \$1.7 billion, according to Forbes' most recent baseball calculations.

Following the Cowboys in value among NFL teams are the Washington Redskins (\$1.55 billion), New England Patriots (\$1.4 billion), New York Giants (\$1.3 billion) and New York Jets (\$1.223 billion).

Altogether, 15 teams are worth \$1 billion; the others are Houston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Green Bay, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Denver, Pittsburgh, Miami and Carolina.

The survey is based on the 2010 season. Team values are through this year's lockout, but total revenues and profits are not.

Dallas' value increased 2 percent from last year's rankings. The biggest jump was made by the Giants, up 10 percent, after they moved into their new stadium in 2010. The Jets, who share that stadium with the Giants, were up 7 percent, as were the Super Bowl champion Packers, who are community-owned, and the San Francisco 49ers.

Eighteen teams increased in value, five remained the same — including the Redskins — and nine decreased in worth. Coincidentally, the biggest drop was made by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (5 percent), who are owned by the Glazer family that also owns Manchester United.

Least in value, Forbes reports, are the Jacksonville Jaguars (\$725 million).

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

ABS WORKOUTS

Solution: 8 letters

T S T E S N O I T A T O R R M
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AND IT LIVED LONG & PROSPERED

ben the box boy

You're going to be late! for space? for school

space? SCHOOL.

by gabe

space school? no. be quiet, ben.

Word From a Bird

Good dog, you drank all your beer! Now sit.

God damn it, why won't you sit? ALL YOU DO IS PARTY!

SUDOKU FOR YOU

Yesterday's solution

1	6	4	9	2	3	8	7	5
3	9	8	7	1	5	4	6	2
2	5	7	8	4	6	9	3	1
6	1	5	3	8	4	2	9	7
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7	3	1	4	6	8	5	2	9
9	8	2	5	3	7	6	1	4

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0804

- Across**
- 1 Boosts
 - 4 Perfect balance
 - 10 Award named after a TV network
 - 14 Philadelphia had the first one in the U.S. (1874)
 - 15 One hanging around a party?
 - 16 "Do I ___?"
 - 17 Some ballpark hits
 - 19 One who might wear slippers
 - 20 Prosaic
 - 22 Provider of some outdoor entertainment
 - 27 Broadcasters
 - 30 John Wayne had a distinctive one
 - 31 Palme ___ (film award)
 - 32 Go home, maybe
 - 33 Nick name?
 - 34 Traffic cop's org.?
 - 35 Group out of the mainstream
 - 36 Allocates, with "out"
 - 37 "Hair" composer MacDermot
 - 38 Theologian Johann
 - 39 Tusked animals
 - 40 "Kitty ___" (1940 movie romance)
 - 41 Kind of fly, briefly
 - 42 Beginning to knock?
 - 43 Chucked
 - 44 "Star Wars" and "Battlestar Galactica"
 - 46 Blue hue
 - 47 Comic's forte
 - 50 Painted the town red, in a way ... or successfully completed this puzzle?
 - 55 It might come out of a small speaker
 - 56 Naval group
 - 57 Not from a Scot
 - 58 Boundary of myth
 - 59 Liqueured (up)
 - 60 Lamb's kin

Puzzle by David J. Kahn

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Doctopus

No way, crook! I'll bop ya one!

Impossible!

And how can you fight a foe with perfect camouflage?

But...

I can see your suit, son.

I'm boneless as jello!

THE ROGUES

Perhaps now you'll be less inclined to interfere!

HA HA HA!

Emery F.

SOCIAL ADVENTURES

BY BRIANNE K.

"JUST BE YOURSELF. IF YOU'RE OPEN ABOUT YOUR INTERESTS, YOU'LL MAKE FRIENDS EASILY."

HEY, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR A HOODIE? ISN'T IT HOT?

I IMAGINE MY HOODIE IS A SORCEROR'S CLOAK. AS A SORCEROR, I HAVE THE MAGICAL FORTITUDE TO SURVIVE EACH DAY.

Extra Elbows: 10 POINTS ASSHOLES

the silent majority

"COOLER WEATHER MEANS NO MORE FRYING ON SIDEWALKS FOR ME..."

AWWYEAH

How Stonehenge was built.

Phew. That was exhausting but hey.

IT'S FINISHED!

Let's see them figure this one out...

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WHERE: Capitol building to South Congress
HOW MUCH: Free
WEB: iartcongress.com

KOLACHE FESTIVAL

A celebration of Czech sweets includes arts, crafts and dancing.

WHAT: Burleson County Kolache Festival
WHEN: Saturday at 9 a.m.
WHERE: Caldwell, TX
HOW MUCH: Free
WEB: burlesoncountytexas.com

ROLLING ROADSHOW

Screened on a 40-foot inflatable screen, the premier slacker film will be presented to benefit the Sixth Street Austin Association.

WHAT: Rolling Roadshow - "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: West Sixth Street
HOW MUCH: \$5 suggested donation
WEB: sixth.com

NERDGASM

Tom Lenk is an expert in telling geeky stories using musical comedy.

WHAT: Tom Lenk in Nerdgasm
WHEN: Sunday at 4 p.m.
WHERE: The Highball
WEB: thehighball.com



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Nathan James, director of entertainment for Austin Gay and Lesbian Pride Foundation, said the pride festivities are a way for the community to be itself. "We are simply people," James said.

Pride Celebration will feature artists in atmosphere of unity

By Elizabeth Hinojos
 Daily Texan Staff

With an established and growing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community, this year will mark Austin's 20th Pride Celebration.

The Austin Gay and Lesbian Pride Foundation, whose purpose is to educate, connect and strengthen the GLBT community, is organizing the celebration. The foundation anticipates this year's event to be the most successful yet.

The festivities are a way to be ourselves, we're not a special thing, we are simply people, said Nathan James, Director of Entertainment

for the AGLPF. James said people from small towns are drawn to Austin and feel comforted in knowing there are individuals similar to them.

"We extend our Austin community to smaller bases and allow them to know we exist. People can learn to accept themselves and interact with those who surround them," James said.

Indeed, the performers lined up for the festival reflect this sense of unity. Artists at the festival range from rap groups to techno, with some comedy in between. There will also be a mix of local artists, along with artists who will be traveling from the east and west coasts.

GLBT youth portray struggles through film

By Sarah-Grace Sweeney
 Daily Texan Staff

Having a gay or lesbian young person share their struggles of acceptance with their community can be one of the most rewarding experiences, if they are brave enough to do it, said John Livingston, the board of directors president for the Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival.

"After all, we can't expect people to include us if we don't include them," he said.

The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival, in partnership with Out Youth and Austin School of Film, offers a select group of teenagers the opportunity to build a relationship with the community through filmmaking in a program called the Queer Youth Media Project.

"For me, it is taking a young person who is interested in film — they don't have to want to go to film school, they don't even have to be gay or lesbian — and teaching them how to tell their story and get it in front of an audience," Livingston said. "And film and cinema is such a great way to do that. A picture tells a thousand words, a moving picture tells millions of words."

The students learn everything from filming and cinematography to scripting and editing to marketing their film to various festivals. They also get to screen their work at South by Southwest and the Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival.

"Ultimately, I hope it helps someone who doesn't know if it will be okay, and I hope it'll speak to them that it will be [OK] and that they don't have to be forced into stereotypes or act certain ways," said Reuben Atkins, one of the three participants in this year's project.

The Queer Youth Media Project was largely revamped about three years ago by the program director at the time, Jake Gonzales. As someone who learned to make films in high school, he was excited about the opportunity to educate young people about film and taught around half the classes while he was there.

"The films made the first year were so eye-opening for our audience. A lot of people in the GLBT community think that our young people have it easier," Gonzales said. "But what someone who came out in their late 20s doesn't understand is that it's just as hard. It's a whole different set of problems. And those films, in a very unique way, showed the audience what the youth were actually going through."

This year, the short films will be edited into a compilation to be shown with a feature documentary film called "This is What Love in Action Looks Like" about a young man forced to attend camp to "fix" his sexuality. The screening is free and open to the public but will be especially relatable and relevant to a young audience.

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Reuben Atkins, 17, and Mariah Steele, 16, both created intimate short films as part of this year's Queer Youth Media Project.

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